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FOR UNDERSECRETARY SISCO: H FOR MCCLOSKEY: AID
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H PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENATOR PERCY
FROM AMBASSADOR PICKERING

E.O. 11652 N/A

TAGS: MASS JO US

SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO SENATOR PERCY FROM AMBASSADOR

REF: NEILL-SUDDARTH TELECON-,JANUARY 23,196

1. DEAR CHUCK, I WANT TO EXPRESS MY DEEP GRATITUDE
FOR YOUR EXCEPTIONAL RESPONSE TO MY RECENT LETTER
ASKING FOR YOUR HELP ON OUR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
TO JORDAN. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU MADE A TREMENDOUS
EFFORT IN THE COMMITTEE TO RESTORE THE LEVELS OF THE
JORDANIAN PROGRAM AND THAT YOU HAVE HAD SOME REAL SUCCESS
IN THAT REGARD.

2. IF FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE
GRANT AID LEVELS IS NOT POSSIBLE, I WOULD HOPE AT LEAST
SOME ADDITIONAL COMPENSATING MILITARY ASSISTANCE CREDIT
COULD BE OFFERED TO JORDAN. SUCH ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN
HELPFUL IN THE PAST AND HAS THE SAME EFFECT IN JORDAN AS
GRANT AID BECAUSE JORDAN HAS BEEN ABLE TO FIND THE FINANCIAL
BACKING OF THE WEALTHY ARAB COUNTRIES IN UNDERTAKING

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REPAYMENT OF THE CREDITS. ON THE SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE WE

WOULD HOPE WE COULD RESTORE AS CLOSE TO THE FULL LEVELS AS
POSSIBLE CONSISTENT WITH SPREADING THE CUTS FAIRLY
AMONG RECIPIENTS SINCE WE DO NOT HAVE THE OPTION OF
RELYING ON ALTERNATIVE CREDIT ARRANGEMENTS AS WE DO
IN THE MILITARY PROGRAM.

3. I AM TOO FAR AWAY TO SPEAK AUTHORITATIVELY WITH
REGARD TO THE SPECIFIC LEVELS OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE
THAT ARE POSSIBLE FOR JORDAN AND I DEFER TO
JOE SISCO, BOB MCCLOCKEY AND OTHER HANDLING THESE
MATTERS WITH THE CONGRESS FOR THEIR JUDGEMENTS AS TO
WHAT IS BEST COURSE TO PURSUE IN THE CONGRESSIONAL
DELIBERATIONS AT THIS POINT. THE SECOND PARAGRAPH
OF THIS MESSAGE TOGETHER WITH WHAT YOU HAVE CLEARLY DONE
IN RESPONSE TO MY LETTER EMBODY MY BEST GENERAL FEELINGS
ON THE SUBJECT. ON THE BASIS OF WHAT I HAVE HEARD FROM
WASHINGTON, I KNOW YOU HAVE BEEN A TREMENDOUS HELP AND
I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. SINCERELY
TOM PICKERING

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